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## RESIDENTIAL FIRE

55 North Cox Street

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis **Fire** Department responded to a house fire at 55 North Cox Street, Friday, November 19, 2021 at 11:14 p.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported fire visible from the one-story wood-frame residential structure. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Ten (10) pieces of **Fire**/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately twenty-six (26) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief L. Lumpkin was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 11:29 p.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the residence **did have** a working smoke alarm. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$60,000.00 structure and \$15,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be a candle left unattended in the office/study area. Red Cross assistance was not requested.

The Memphis **Fire** Department recommends that all citizens maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check alarms monthly and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** by calling the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650 or apply on-line at: <https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/>. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other **FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY** issues please dial (901) 458-8281.

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